



VIDALIA'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE RULES

DECEMBER 3rd, 2011 @ 11:00

ENTRY DEADLINE - NOVEMBER 18th, 2011 ~ NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ALLOWED

All rules set forth were made to ensure a successful QUALITY "festive" parade for the City of Vidalia!

Due to mail concerns an email address and phone number is required to communicate parade line-up numbers and instructions required for entries on Parade Day.

Please be sure to complete your application in its entirety!

Line-up number assignments will be emailed back to the applicant the week of November 21st

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1. **Parade Line-up**
 - **9:30 A.M. ON PARADE DAY**
 - SEMI TYPE TRUCKS-If your float that will be pulled by a large semi type truck, please make us aware of this on your application because alternative line-up spaces may have to be arranged.
2. **Entry Limitations**
 - Only three entries per group, company, person, etc. Excessive entries may be declined; this does not pertain to floats. The Christmas Parade Committee, reserves the right to "limit" or decline entries.
 - NO TRUCKS, VANS OR CARS (with riders) UNLESS it is used for the purpose of pulling a float.
 - Vintage/Antiques are an exception (1950's model or earlier)
3. **Decoration Requirements**
 - Every Float must be decorated, at least 60% coverage, adhering the current year's parade theme
 - All entries must be tastefully decorated, to include creativity and originality.
 - Not applicable to Vintage/Antique Cars/Trucks/ Horses or Convertibles transporting pageant winners – kings/ queens etc..
4. **Vehicle/Float Identification**
 - All entries must have the official entry number sign posted on right side of the vehicle (or pulling device) windshield. Signs must be "visible" to the judges and media on right of vehicle. Parade marshals will provide the "entry" number as you arrive.
5. **Santa**
 - No entries are allowed to employ Santa as part of their float. The Christmas Parade Santa is provided by the Christmas Parade Committee.
6. **Distribution of Candy, Gum, (per the Vidalia Police Department)**
 - Throwing can, gum or any other item is not allowed. This is a safety issue. This includes all vehicles – whether they are moving or stationary.
 - Walking or distributing candy from the sidelines will be permitted.
 - You must let the Parade Marshall's know if you plan to distribute candy or other items.
7. **No one is allowed to ride on hood of any vehicle (again this is a safety issue).**
8. **Excessively Loud Vehicles (aka Race Cars)**
 - Any vehicles without proper muffler systems intended to maintain noise level will not be allowed in the parade.
9. **Motorcycles (no motorcycles or scooters under any circumstances)**
 - Marshals are "instructed" to remove any violators from the parade.
10. **No Commercial or Political Advertisement**
 - The Vidalia Christmas Parade is not a forum for advertisement. You are allowed to display the name of your business /or your sponsor in a modest and tasteful manner; but it should not be the most prominent decoration on your float. Remember at least 60% of your entry should be decorated in the Christmas Parade Theme.
11. **Unit Spacing**
 - All units must maintain fifty-foot (50) between entries – at all times.
 - Marshals are asked to tighten up areas "when" needed to keep the parade moving. Please understand these marshals are volunteers and are giving their time to make the parade enjoyable for all.
12. **Manure Bags for Equine Units**
 - Horse riders are welcome in the parade; however, all horses must use poop-bags or they will be removed from the parade.



GENERAL INFORMATION

WINNERS RECEIVE

1st Place: \$500.00

2nd Place: \$300.00

3rd Place: \$100.00

PAGEANT WINNERS (KINGS AND QUEENS)

- We encourage Floats for a quality parade. Organizations are asked to consider incorporating Queens/Kings as part of a Float. We discourage excessive convertibles with queens- this takes away from the festive atmosphere of the parade. However, Queens/Kings must ride in convertibles or on a float.

GROUPS WITH CHILDREN

- Dance Studio's and large groups with children are asked to make sure your young participants and their parents know your float's line-up number so that the marshals may assist in getting them to the float. Please provide them with some type of handout that provides this information.

PARADE LINE-UP

- The parade line-up will begin at N.W.Main Street (Treasures from the Attic) and continue West to Brinson Road.
- Traffic will be heavy in these areas. The Vidalia Parade Committee encourages you to enter from Brinson Road off Highway 280 or North Street and follow the Marshall's directions. Side streets off Main Street will be closed during the parade staging time.
- Please cooperate with the Parade Marshalls and the VPD officers for your own safety and the safety of others.

PARADE ROUTE

- The parade will begin at the corner of northwest Main and McIntosh Street.
- The parade will turn right and travel over the railroad tracks turning left on Highway 280 (eastbound lane of the new one-way pair).
- Parade units will disband at BBT Shopping Center. Parade Marshalls will be directing traffic at BBT.
- Please help ease traffic congestion by obeying the directions of the Volunteer Parade Marshalls

WE NEED YOUR HELP ~ DISBANDING PARADE ~ HELP US ELIMINATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION!!

JUDGES

- Parade judges will be staged at the designated Media Area.

MEDIA

- A 30--second stop for entries as requested by Parade judges in this area only.
- No stops are allowed along the parade route with the exception of the Media Area location.

SAFETY

- (1) First Aid stations will be set up at the Vidalia Police Department.
- (2) Lost children will be carried to the Police Department.
- (3) If you need medical or police assistance, ask any marshal (parade volunteers in orange vests).

PARADE MARSHAL ASSISTANCE OR QUESTIONS

ASSISTANCE/DIRECTIONS

- Parade Marshalls will be wearing orange vests to answer your questions and direct or escort you to your line-up location. Make sure you bring your parade registration information with you.
- The Parade committee and volunteer Parade Marshalls are here to assist you.
- We want you to enjoy participating in our parade and our goal is to host a festive PARADE experience for everyone.
- The Christmas Parade Committee would like to thank you for your participation and cooperation.

May Your Holidays Be Bright and Filled with Cheer